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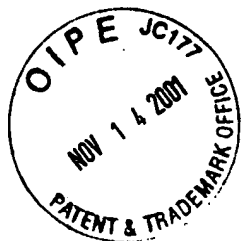
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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/237,183  
Filed: January 26, 1999  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated  
with the Sucrose Pathway  
Inventors: CHEIKH *et al.*  
Atty. Docket: 16517.228

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Responsive Amendment responding to the Office Action mailed August 15,  
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**RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2001, (Paper No. 14), Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the specification:**

On page 19 of the specification, please delete the second full paragraph and replace it with the following amended paragraph:

-- Similarity analysis includes database search and alignment. Examples of public databases include the DNA Database of Japan (DDBJ) ([www.ddbj.nig.ac.jp](http://www.ddbj.nig.ac.jp)); Genebank ([www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Web/Search/Index.html](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Web/Search/Index.html)); and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory Nucleic Acid Sequence Database (EMBL) ([www.ebi.ac.uk/ebi\\_docs/embl\\_db/embl-db.html](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/ebi_docs/embl_db/embl-db.html)). Other appropriate databases include dbEST ([www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/dbEST/index.html](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/dbEST/index.html)), SwisProt ([www.ebi.ac.uk/ebi\\_docs/swisprot\\_db/swisshome.html](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/ebi_docs/swisprot_db/swisshome.html)), PIR

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